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SUBJECT: QUITO MFM 8 - TWELVE COUNTRY DECLARATION

1. THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL DELEGATION TRANSLATION OF DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTRIES VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION DELIVERED BY COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DELEGATIONS OF ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS, MEXICO, PANAMA, PERU, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND VENEZUELA WHO ATTENDED THE 15TH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOIN IN THE FOLLOWING DECLARA-
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TION:

THE MEASURES IMPOSED UPON CUBA TEN YEARS AGO, UNDER TOTALLY DIFFERENT POLITICAL CONDITIONS FROM THOSE WHICH PREVAIL IN THE PRESENT WORLD, HAVE BECOME ANOCHRONISTIC, INEFFICIENT, AND INCONVENIENT AND, FOR THAT REASON, THE 15TH MEETING OF CONSULTATION SHOULD HAVE LEFT THEM FORMALLY WITHOUT EFFECT. FOR SUCH ENDS, THE COUNTRIES WHICH PROPOSED THE MEETING, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, AND VENEZUELA, PRESENTED A DRAFT RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO LIFT THE MEASURES IMPOSED ON CUBA IN 1964 AND CONSEQUENTLY, TO LEAVE IN LIBERTY THE STATES PARTIES OF THE RIO TREATY SO THAT THEY MAY DECIDE

, ACCORDING TO THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHT, THE CONVENIENCE OF RE-ESTABLISHING ON THE LEVEL AND THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH THEY MAY JUDGE ACCORDING TO THE CASE, THE RELATIONS WHICH WERE INTERRUPTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY. NEVERTHELESS, THE VACUUM IN THE RIO TREATY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE LIFTING OF MEASURES IMPOSED UNDER THE SAME TREATY HAS SIGNIFIED THAT THE RULE OF 2/3S BE APPLIED AS PROVIDED FOR IN THAT INSTRUMENT FOR ADOPTING DECISIONS, WHICH HAS MOTIVATED THREE COUNTRIES DETERMINED TO PROLONG THEIR MAINTENANCE, TO OBTAIN BY MEANS OF THEIR NEGATIVE VOTE, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF SIX ABSTENTIONISTS, A VETO OF SAID DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH HAS AS ITS FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE PRESERVATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE RIO TREATY.

THE CIRCUMSTANCE IN WHICH AN ABSURD PROCEDURE, CONTRARY TO THE DEMOCRATIC SENSE THAT SHOULD INSPIRE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HAS OBSTRUCTED THE EXPRESS MAJORITY WILL OF TWELVE MEMBER STATES OF THE RIO TREATY. CANNOT BE INTERPRETED AS A MANIFESTATION OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST OFFENSIVE ACTS IMPUTED TO CUBA, NOR CAN IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MEASURES IMPOSED BY THE 9TH MEETING OF CONSULTATION HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIATED BY THE FREE WILL OF THE SAID MAJORITY.

IT MAY BE SAID THAT THE POSITION OF THOSE THREE COUNTRIES -- ASSISTED BY THE NEGATIVE EFFECT WHICH THE ABSTENTIONS SIGNIFY -- CAN PRODUCE AND APPARENT RESULT OF PROVIDING A PRECARIOUS, FORMALISTIC SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION I OF THE 9TH MEETING OF CONSULTATION. THIS POSITION IN REALITY SERIOUSLY COMPROMISES THE AUTHORITY OF THE RIO TREATY AND OF THE OAS, PERMITTING, AS WILL PROBABLY OCCUR, OTHER COUNTRIES TO JOIN WITH THOSE WHICH HAVE RE-ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH CUBA, FEELING THEMSELVES WITHOUT OBLIGATION TO RESPECT THAT RESOLUTION FOR LACK OF MAJORITY SUPPORT FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN STATES. REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT SUCH A POSITION COULD MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE TASK OF REVITALIZING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, THE COUNTRIES SUBSCRIBED TO THIS DECLARATION REITERATE THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS DESIGNED TO RESTRUCTURE THE SYSTEM, IN ORDER THAT IT MAY BE TRANSFORMED INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF EFFICIENT COOPERATION FOR THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT OUR PEOPLES: UNDER-DEVELOPMENT, MISERY, AND VIOLENCE.

THEY DECLARE BEFORE ALL THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA THE EFFORTS THEY HAVE MADE TO FURTHER THE DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ALL THE NATIONS OF THE CONTINENT, WITH RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION AND WITH THEIR FIRM WILL TO EXILE FROM THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT ALL ELEMENTS WHICH DESTROY INTER-AMERICAN AGREEMENT.

THE MAJORITY WILL THAT THE PROPOSAL DESTINED TO LIFT THE MEASURES APPLIED AGAINST CUBA HAS MERITED FAITHFULLY TRANSLATES THE HISTORICAL FACT -- WHICH OCCURRED IN QUITO, CITY OF LIGHT OF THE AMERICAS -- THAT A STAGE IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAS ENDED.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SPECIAL DELEGATES, WHO AGREE TO THE PRESENT DECLARATION, EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE RECOGNITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR FOR THE NOBLE EFFORT IN WHICH AT EVERY MOMENT IT HAS TRIED AS THE HOST COUNTRY OF THE 15TH MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, TO OBTAIN SUCH ELEVATED OBJECTIVES.

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